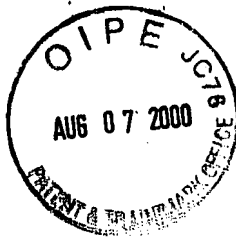


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Sir:

Transmitted for filing herewith are a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) and Preliminary Amendment.

Our check in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 19-1351. This letter is enclosed in duplicate.

Sincerely yours,

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